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Applicant: Thaylen K. Lean, et al.

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3.	The proceed apply.	The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.									
		(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)									
	(a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)										
		Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)							
		first month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00							
		second month	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00							
		third month	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00							
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		fifth month	\$1,970.00	\$ 985.00							
			Fee:	\$930.00							
If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.											
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An extension of months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.											
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	OR Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.										

FEE FOR CLAIMS

The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(h)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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In response to the Examiner's Request for Written Statement of Substance of Telephone Interview, dated <u>March 21, 2003</u>, Applicants respectfully submit the following:

A telephonic interview occurred regarding the above referenced Patent Application on December 17, 2002. Participants of this interview were: Examiner Morrison and for the Applicants, Robert B. Reeser, Claims 1 through 20 were discussed.

During the interview, Applicants submitted arguments that Boede does not teach the present invention because the fastener does not extend outwardly from the inner surface of a housing. Examiner Morrison was not persuaded by the Applicants arguments and an agreement with respect to the claims was not reached.

Respectfully submitted,

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